



The Freewinds hosts a Christmas concert by singer/composer David Pomeranz

The cruise ship "The Freewinds" has been visiting Aruba regularly for the past eighteen years, and during that time has hosted numerous concerts and events for their passengers and the islanders. Berthed in the harbor for the holiday weekend, they featured a special concert on Saturday evening, December 23, by noted performer and composer David Pomeranz.

David Pomeranz is a multi-platinum award winning songwriter/singer and musician who has composed for and performed with such well-known stars as Barry Manilow, George Benson, Steely Dan, Kenny Loggins, Melissa Manchester and more. He has toured throughout America as the opening act for Rod Stewart, Billy Joel, Three Dog Night, The Doors, and others.

Mr. Pomeranz's long-standing career includes songs and musical scores for many films, such as "Big" with Tom Hanks, and "King Kong" with Jeff Bridges. In 1997, along with film star Steven Seagal he co-wrote the song, "Long Way Around," which was featured in the Warner Brother's motion picture, "Fire Down Below" and performed by Richie Sambora. In the western hemisphere he is mostly known as a songwriter, winning Oscar, Tony and Grammy awards, and having penned twenty-two platinum and eighteen gold albums; but in the Philippines he is one of the most popular performers. His concerts have sold out to audiences of 25,000, and his latest album just sold over 600,000 copies, making it the all-time top selling album in their pop history.

Mr. Pomeranz thrilled the audience with a dynamic performance, not only with his voice, but his virtuosity on the guitar and piano, and the floor of the stage at times, singing acapella, and accompanied only by the sound he beat out. He performed many favorites, such as "The Old Songs" and "My Grown-up Christmas List." "It's in Everyone one of Us" featured in the film "Big" was a major sponsor theme song to the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea.

The audience also had a preview of some his new work as he performed "Swinging in the Swamp," which will be featured in the animated film "The Frog Prince"; soon to be released.

The Starlight Nightclub on The Freewinds was a delightful venue for the personable and intimate style of Mr. Pomeranz, who joked and interacted with the audience, often conducting a sing-along with his audience. It was a rare and wonderful holiday treat for both The Freewinds guests, and the Aruban residents that were invited to join them on board.